

## History & Origins of Beaverton

Central Beaverton is at the heart of Beaverton. Its boundaries include the intersection of Canyon Road and Farmington Road and the heavy and light rail systems. Central Beaverton has seen it all. Canyon Road used to be wood-planked and the railroad is what used to connect Beaverton to the outside world. MAX wasn't the first electric commuter train to grace Beaverton Central. The Oregon Electric Railway and Red Electric both provided service to Beaverton from Portland and on to Hillsboro. Hop pickers commuted from Portland to Beaverton for the harvest on the electric train systems. And Beavertonians took the train to Oaks Park in Portland on the weekends. The train systems ran from approximately 1908 to 1925. Diesel trains eventually took over in the 1950s. Many remnants of the past are still prevalent all over Central Beaverton today. Central Beaverton also includes the Beaverton City Mall, former home of the Bernard Airport, west-adjacent to Cedar Hills Boulevard. Until 1966, when it was demolished to build the mall, Bernard Airport was Oregon's oldest operating airport. Central Beaverton is host to several registered historical sites.

